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SUBJECT: CALL BY FRANCIS DENG ON ASST. SEC. MOOSE

1. ON AUGUST 21 SUDANESE MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FRANCIS DENG ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR EISSA, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE TO DISCUSS NIMEIRI'S IMPENDING VISIT AND A RANGE OF GENERAL ISSUES.

2. FOLLOWING MOOSE'S WELCOMING REMARKS, WHICH EMPHASIZED OUR PLEASURE AT THE UPCOMING VISIT BY NIMEIRI, DENG NOTED THE MUCH IMPROVED RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. WHICH FOLLOWED NIMEIRI'S 1976 VISIT. FOCUSING FIRST ON ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES, DENG REPORTED THAT NIMEIRI IS INTENT ON BEGINNING THE U.S. TOUR WITH A VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IF IT BECAME NECESSARY THAT THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE HIS UNGA APPEARANCE SEPTEMBER 27, NIMEIRI WOULD SACRIFICE THE REST OF THE TOUR AND ONLY MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT. OTHER ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON WOULD INCLUDE
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MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS, INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. MOOSE PARTICULARLY COMMENDED NIMEIRI'S PRIVATE SECTOR CONTACTS.

3. AS TO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIVES OF THE VISIT, DENG NOTED THAT NIMEIRI'S VISIT WILL TEND TO REINFORCE THE IMPROVED BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP AND THE MUTUAL DESIRE

FOR RESOLUTIONS TO REGIONAL PROBLEMS. DENG FURTHER NOTED THAT "EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED" AND THERE IS SOME "ANXIETY" OVER THE ISSUE OF U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE SUDAN. THE VISIT WOULD FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE CONTRIBUTION BY THE U.S. TO EASE SUDAN'S FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE NECESSITY TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO THESE AND THE SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE REGION POSE A "NEW CHALLENGE" WHICH WILL CERTAINLY BE A SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION DURING THE NIMEIRI VISIT. MOOSE RESPONDED THAT THE IMAGE OF SUDAN IS VERY FAVORABLE TODAY WITHIN THE USG, PARTICULARLY FOR THE LEADERSHIP WHICH NIMEIRI HAS DEMONSTRATED AT HOME AND ABROAD. THE USG IS AWARE OF BOTH SUDAN'S NEEDS AND OF ITS POTENTIAL, AND IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR NIMEIRI'S OAU ROLE IN RESOLVING AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

4. THE REMAINDER OF THE CONVERSATION CONCERNED GENERAL AFRICAN PROBLEMS WHICH WERE HIGHLIGHTED DURING THE OAU SUMMIT. NOTING THAT SUDAN HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN RESOLVING ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS, MOOSE SUGGESTED THAT THIS EXPERIENCE GAVE THEM A PARTICULAR ABILITY TO ADDRESS SIMILAR PROBLEMS IN AFRICA. DENG AND MOOSE AGREED THAT THE OAU DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA WAS A WORTHWHILE EXERCISE AS IT COMPELLED NATIONS OF DIFFERENT ORIENTATION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. DENG NOTED THAT THERE IS NOW

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CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT A DEGREE OF TRUST HAS BEEN ENGENDERED IN AFRICA AS A RESULT OF USG INITIATIVES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

5. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING IT WAS DECIDED THAT DENG, WHO WILL REMAIN IN THE U.S. THROUGH THE NIMEIRI VISIT, WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE AF BUREAU TO COORDINATE THE VISIT.

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